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H.B. No. 708

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the provision of certain evidence on request to certain
3 parties in a suit affecting the parent-child relationship filed by
4 the Department of Family and Protective Services.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 262, Family Code, is
7 amended by adding Section 262.014 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 262.014. DISCLOSURE OF CERTAIN EVIDENCE. On the
9 request of the attorney for a parent who is a party in a suit
10 affecting the parent-child relationship filed under this chapter,
11 or the attorney ad litem for the parent's child, the Department of
12 Family and Protective Services shall, before the full adversary
13 hearing, provide:

14 (1) the name of any person, excluding a department
15 employee, who the department believes is a witness to any of the
16 allegations contained in the petition filed by the department;

17 (2) a copy of any arrest record or offense report
18 relating to the parent that is material to the allegations
19 contained in the petition filed by the department; and

20 (3) a copy of any photograph that constitutes or
21 contains evidence that is material to the allegations contained in
22 the petition filed by the department.

23 SECTION 2. The changes in law made by this Act apply only to
24 a suit affecting the parent-child relationship filed on or after

1 the effective date of this Act.

2 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.